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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL MARKET REGULATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Arlington, Virginia; Neil M. Schloss, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Mark K. Boling, Southwestern Energy Company, Houston, Texas; Jeff Billings, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, Kennesaw, on behalf of the American Public Gas Association; and Robert A. Johnson, Roosevelt Institute, New York, New York, on behalf of the Americans for Financial Reform.

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R.

Coscia, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MANAGING FEDERAL FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, after receiving testimony from Kit Batten, Science Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Beverly Law, Oregon State University, Corvallis; Elaine Oneil, University of Washington School of Forestry, Seattle; and Christopher A. Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, who was introduced by Senators Boxer, Snowe, and Feinstein and Representative Pelosi, Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINIC "ROCKY" BARAGONA JUSTICE FOR AMERICAN HEROES HARMED BY CONTRACTORS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 526, to provide in personam jurisdiction in civil actions against contractors of the United States Government performing contracts abroad with respect to serious bodily injuries of members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States Government, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States Government in connection with contractor activities, after receiving testimony from Tony West, Assistant Attorney